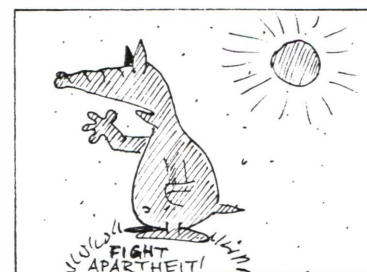


BILK ELEVEN AND
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1986

BY ULRICH MAGIN



MANY MILES AWAY SOMETHING CRAWLS FROM THE SLIME AT THE
BOTTOM OF A DARK SCOTTISH LAKE.

MANY MILES AWAY SOMETHING CRAWLS TO THE SURFACE
OF A DARK SCOTTISH LAKE.

MANY MILES AWAY THERE'S A SHADOW ON THE DOOR OF A COTTAGE ON THE
SHORE OF A DARK SCOTTISH LAKE.

STING: SYNCHRONICITY II, 1983

THIS IS BILK, ISSUES NR. 11 & 12. / SEPTEMBER 1986, AND THE END OF THE
SECOND YEAR OF BILK. / VOLUME THREE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN 1987, BE-
GINNING WITH THE MARCH ISSUE. / THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TO RENEW THEIR
SUBSCRIPTION, PLEASE SEND ME A NOTE UNTIL FEBRUARY. / SUBSCRIPTION AS
USUAL: DM 15, OR £ 3 OR \$ 5 FOR 6 ISSUES PER YEAR. / PLEASE SEND BANK
NOTES OR CHEQUES (IN GERMAN CURRENCY, AS I HAVE TO PAY A COMMISSION IF
THE CHEQUES ARE IN FOREIGN CURRENCY.

BEHEMOTH:

● PALUXY RIVER, TEXAS, USA: TIME (30.JUNE 1986, P.44) REPORTS ON NEW
DEVELOPMENTS ABOUT THE FAMOUS (OR NOTORIOUS?) PALUXY FOOTPRINTS OF
DINOSAURS AND HUMANS, PHOTOS OF WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN MANY CREATION-
NIST- AND DÄNIKEN-BOOKS. NOW GLEN J. KUBAN, A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER WHO
BELIEVES IN CREATIONIST SCIENCE, PROVED THAT THE ALLEGED "HUMAN
TRACKS" WERE THOSE OF DINOSAURS AFTER ALL. "HE FOUND THAT SHALLOW
GROOVES AT THE FRONT OF THE TRACKS WERE TYPICAL OF DINOSAURS, NOT HU-
MANS, AND THAT THE TRACKS WIDENED AT THE FRONT MORE THAN HUMAN PRINTS
WOULD. IT WAS NOT UNTIL LATER THAT HE NOTICED TOEPRINTS, OUTLINED IN
THE SAME BLUE-GRAY MATERIAL THAT HELPS DISTINGUISH THE TRACKS FROM
THE TAN-IVORY SURROUNDING ROCK. FURTHER STUDY REVEALED SIMILAR TRACKS,
BUT WITH DISTINCT TOEPRINTS." JOHN D. MORRIS, GEOLOGIST AT THE INSTI-
TUTE FOR CREATION RESEARCH IN EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, WITHDREW HIS
BOOK "TRACKING THOSE INCREDIBLE DINOSAURS" AFTER VIEWING THE NEW EVI-
DENCE. THIS NEW FINDING WILL DESTROY MANY ROMANTIC IDEAS ABOUT SUR-
VIVING DINOS, DESTROYING YET ANOTHER SUPPOSED "EVIDENCE" FOR THEIR CO-
EXISTANCE WITH MAN. (SEE ALSO SCIENCE FRONTIERS NR.45, P.3)

● LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USA: GARY MANGIACOPRA, IN A POSTCARD, TOLD ME THAT
CHAMP WAS OBSERVED AT JULY 7, 1986, NEAR WILLSBORO. (MANGIACOPRA TO
MAGIN, 16.JULY 1986)

● LAKE CHAMPLAIN, USA: JOE ZARZYNSKI INFORMED ME THAT A NEW BOOK AU-
THORED BY HIM WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JULY, CALLED: MONSTER WRECKS OF
LOCH NESS AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN. ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, "ZARZYNS-
KI'S NEW BOOK NOT ONLY UPDATES READERS ON THE FIELDWORK AT LOCH NESS
AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN TO FIND ITS DENIZENS, BUT IT ALSO EXPLORES: AIR-
CRAFT AND SHIP WRECKS, POSSIBLE UNDERWATER MEGALITHIC SITES, STRANGE
MINI-CREATURES, AND MUCH MORE. INCLUDED IN THE BOOK ARE MANY CHAPTERS
THAT INVESTIGATE THE SUCCESSES OF STATE-OF-THE ART TECHNOLOGY AT
THESE TWO MONSTER HAUNTS." PRIZE IS \$ 8.95, AND IT CAN BY ORDERED
FROM M-Z INFORMATION, P.O. BOX 2129, WILTON, NEW YORK 12866, USA.

● MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, UK: "ANGLER JOE FISHES OUT 9-FOOT PYTHON - LAKE
SNAKE SHOCK - INTREPID ANGLER JOE SINGLETON HAD PLENTY TO BRAG ABOUT
YESTERDAY AFTER NETTING A MONSTER CATCH...A NINE FOOT PYTHON!

THE GIANT REPTILE GAVE OTHER FISHERMEN A BIGGER BITE THAN THEY BAR-
GAINED FOR WHEN IT SWAM PAST THEM AT A RESERVOIR.

BUT AS THEY SCUTTLED FOR COVER, JOE, 56, RAN TO THE RESCUE. HE WADED
INTO THE RESERVOIR, NABBED THE PYTHON BY THE TAIL AND WHIPPED IT OUT

OF THE WATER. JOE, WATER BAILIFF AT LEVENSHULME, MANCHESTER, SAID YESTERDAY: 'I'VE NEVER BEEN AS FRIGHTENED. SOMEONE SCREAMED 'MY GOD! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT SNAKE!' I RUSHED OVER TO HAVE A LOOK. BUT I DARED NOT LEAVE IT IN THE WATER BECAUSE CHILDREN OFTEN GO PADDLING THERE. I JUST GRABBED IT BY THE TAIL, HURLED IT INTO ONE OF THE ANGLERS' BASKETS AND DIALLED 999.'

NOW THE SLIPPERY CUSTOMER -NICKNAMED NESSIE- IS CONFINED TO A TANK AT THE HOME OF ANIMAL EXPERT BOB RATCLIFFE.

HE BELIEVES IT WAS BATTERED BY ITS OWNER, DUMPED IN THE WATER AND LEFT FOR DEAD.

BOB SAID: 'I DIDN'T HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE FOR IT AT FIRST BUT IT'S EATEN A BIG RAT AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE PERKED UP NOW.'

HE THINKS NESSIE, AN ASIAN RETICULATED PYTHON, COULD GROW UP TO BE 20 FT LONG.

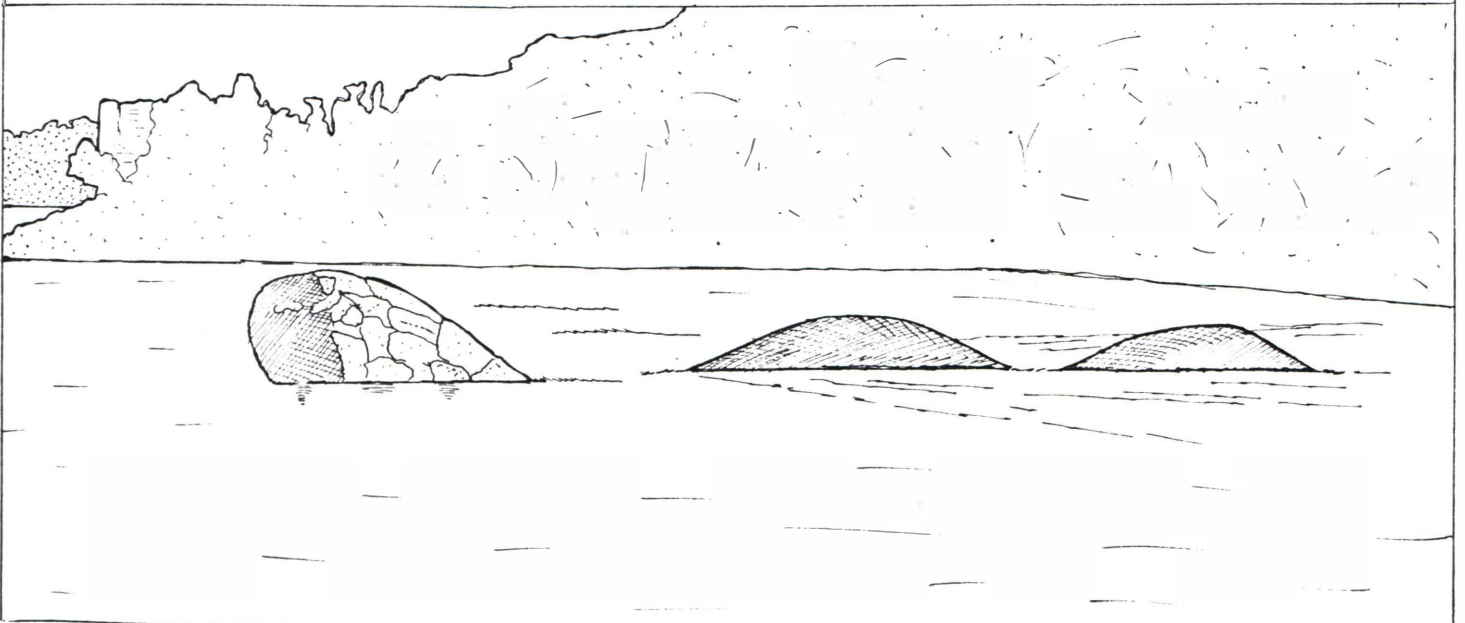
AND JOE'S FEELING BETTER TOO - WHEN THEY START COMPARING CATCHES AT HIS LOCAL ANGLING CLUB NO-ONE ELSE IS IN THE RUNNING!" (THE SUN, 9. JULY 1986, P.3)

● LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND, UK: MR ALAN GREIG THOUGHT HE'D TAKEN A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME PHOTO OF NESSIE WHEN HE PHOTOGRAPHED A LARGE MONSTER IN THE MORNING FOG, THE "SONNTAG AKTUELL" (29. JUNE 1986, P.40A) REPORTS. HOWEVER, WHAT HE'D ON HIS PICTURE WAS A DUMMY MOVED BY TWO DIVERS, PART OF A GREENPEACE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST ACID RAIN AND LAKES IN SCOTLAND.

● LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND, UK: THE GERMAN MAGAZINE "KOSMOS" (STUTTGARD, JULY 1986, P.40), WHICH IS USUALLY RELIABLE, PRINTS AN ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPH OF NESSIE MADE BY ALFRED GESCHEIDT (SEE BOTTOM OF PAGE). IT IS CLEAR FROM THE FIRST VIEW THAT THE PICTURE IS A FAKE, AND THE MAGAZINE ADMITS THAT, ADDING THAT THE PHOTO WAS INTENDED AS A JOKE, BUT FOOLED MANY PEOPLE SOME YEARS AGO WHO THOUGHT IT WAS GENUINE. NOW I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE SOME KIND OF EXPERT, BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT ONE BEFORE, AND CAN ONLY GUESS THAT IT WAS ESPECIALLY FAKED FOR THAT ISSUE OF "KOSMOS", AND THE STORY OF IT BEING A SUCCESSFUL FRAUD IS ITSELF FAKED.

● LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND, UK: AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN JULY, A MODEL-NESSIE WAS SHOWN, THIS ENRAGED STEUART CAMPBELL, FAMOUS NESSIE-SCEPTIC, AND FORCED HIM TO WRITE A NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE SCOTSMAN (30. JULY 1986, P.8EF): "I WAS NOT AMUSED TO SEE NESSIE APPEAR AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES. HAVE THE ORGANISERS LOST ALL REASON? THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY UNKNOWN AQUATIC SPECIES INHABITS LOCH

A DRAWING BASED ON A SUPPOSED FAKE-PHOTOGRAPH OF NESSIE THAT FOOLED THE WORLD A FEW YEARS AGO, MADE BY ALFRED GESCHEIDT AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY "DPA". IT CLEARLY IS A PHOTO-MONTAGE USING THE PICTURE OF A SMALL SERPENT, WITH URQUHART BAY AS BACKGROUND.



NESS (OR ANY OTHER LAKE) AND THE POPULAR BELIEF TO THE CONTRARY IS A MODERN MYTH BORN OF IGNORANCE AND HIGHLAND SUPERSTITION...THE GAMES ORGANISERS HAVE MADE SCOTLAND LOOK FOOLISH IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD. STEUART CAMPBELL, 4 DOVECOT LOAN, EDINBURGH, JULY 25." TO WHICH, ON AUGUST 1ST, 1986, IN THE SAME SCOTSMAN, P.8BC, THREE WRITERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LETTERS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT ONLY ONE PERSON LOOKED FOOLISH IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE WORLD - CAMPBELL HIMSELF.

ISIS:

● ARABIA: THE SAUDI GAZETTE, AUGUST 2ND, 1986, P.3CDE, REPORTS ON A NEW SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE "DUGONG REPLENISHMENT PROJET" TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND HABITATS OF THE DUGONGS. IT WILL BE AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE GULF OFF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. THE NUMBER OF DUGONGS WAS EXPECTED TO BE ONLY ABOUT 40, BUT THE GIANT HERD SEEN IN THE WATERS RECENTLY GAVE NEW HOPES TO THE SCIENTISTS. BUT, STILL, THE SEACOWS ARE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

LEVIATHAN:

● THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS ABOUT SEAMONSTERS IN GENERAL IN THE GERMAN MEDIA.

"KOSMOS" (JULY 1986, PP.38 - 46), ALREADY MENTIONED, FEATURED AN ARTICLE ABOUT SEA-SNAKES (HYDROPHIS), ALSO MENTIONING NESSIE AND SEBASTIAN MÜNSTER'S SEAMONSTERS OF 1544, WHICH HE HAD COPIED FROM OLAUS MAGNUS' FAMOUS MAP OF 1539.

THEN, ON AUGUST 5, 1986, THE GERMAN TV CHANNEL ARD HAD A PROGRAMME BY HEINZ SIELMANN ABOUT "DRAGONS AND GIANT SERPENTS", SEASERPENTS WERE ALSO MENTIONED. (EGEDE; RIO DE JANEIRO 1958; CANNA 1808 AND CORINTHIAN 1913) - BUT WITH SCIENCE-FICTION LIKE ILLUSTRATIONS, AND NOT THE ORIGINAL SKETCHES OF THE WITNESSES. SIELMANN ALSO REFERRED TO LOCH NESS AND INFORMED HIS VIEWERS THAT IN FACT ALL MONSTER STORIES ARE FRAUDS.

AND THAT VERY DAY, A GERMAN RADIO STATION BROADCASTED A REPORT ABOUT VARIOUS WATERMONSTERS, SUCH AS CHESSIE, NESSIE, AND A CHINESE LAKE MONSTER. I DID NOT HEAR THE PROGRAMME, BUT WAS ONLY INFORMED AFTERWARDS BY A PERSON WHO HAD FORGOTTEN ON WHICH CHANNEL THE REPORT HAD BEEN BROADCASTED.

KRAKEN:

● BERMUDAS: THE OCTOPUS GIGANTEUS OF THE BAHAMAS IS A WELL-KNOWN CRYPTOZOOLOGICAL MARVEL, BUT NOW A SIMILAR ANIMAL IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE AROUND BERMUDA. THE STORY, AS TOLD IN "THE ISC NEWSLETTER", AUTUMN 1985 (VOL.4., NR 3), GOES LIKE THIS: JOHN P. INGHAM, WITH HIS SHIP "TRILOGY" HAS MADE SOME STRANGE EXPERIENCES WHICH SEEM TO BE RELATED TO OCTOPUS ACTIVITY. IN 1984, HE DISCOVERED GIANT SHRIMPS AND CRABS OFF BERMUDA. ON AUGUST 29, 1984, HIS CRAB-TRAP WAS TO BE HAULED ABOARD WHEN THE WIRE BROKE. THEN, ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1984, ANOTHER TRAP WAS LOST ABOUT HALFWAY UP. INGHAM SUSPECTS THIS WAS NOT BECAUSE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF CRABS, BUT BECAUSE AN UNIDENTIFIED ANIMAL (I.E. OCTOPUS) HELD THE TRAP. ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1984, THE SAME THING HAPPENED AGAIN. THIS TIME INGHAM WAS QUICK ENOUGH TO SWITCH ON THE CHROMOSCOPE: "I COULD SEE A PYRAMIDSHAPE APPROXIMATELY 50 FT HIGH." BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, AND OTHER LISTED IN THE "ISC NEWSLETTER", CRYPTOZOOLOGISTS LIKE ROY P. MACKAL SEEM TO THINK THEY ARE DEALING WITH GIANT OCTOPUSES, WHICH ARE KNOWN TO BE FOND OF SHRIMPS AND CRABS. THE INCIDENTS ARE ALSO LINKED TO THE 1896 STRANDING OF AN ENORMOUS ORGANIC MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA. EXPERTS STILL DISAGREE ON WHAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN: SOME THINK IT WAS ONLY A WHALE, WHILE OTHERS BELIEVE IT WAS A GIANT OCTOPUS. THERE ARE PLANS FOR EXPEDITIONS TO BERMUDA TO CATCH ONE OF THE GIANTS, PERHAPS A NEW DISCOVERY WAITS THERE. (CREDIT: MICHEL RAYNAL)

WHALES:

● IN THE ATLANTIC, A GREY WHALE SANK A 16-FT SHIP, IT WAS REPORTED FROM FALMOUTH. (SCOTSMAN, 10.JULY 1986, P.2G)

● SOME 100 WHALES STRANDED NEAR AUGUSTA, WEST AUSTRALIA. THEY WERE TOWED BACK TO THE SEA, BUT SOME CAME ASHORE AGAIN. (RHEINPFALZ, 31. JULY 1986; SCOTSMAN, 31. JULY 1986, P. 3ABCD; THE TIMES, 1. AUGUST 1986, P. 5H; AND NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG, 6. AUGUST 1986, P. 5AB)

SCOTTISH PUMA:

● THIS SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER VERY ANCIENT STORY ABOUT AN ALIEN BIG CAT IN SCOTLAND, REPORTED BY THE "LONDON LITERARY GAZETTE" FOR MARCH 1824. THE REPORT IS ABOUT SOME PAGAN RITUAL, CALLED TAGHAIRM, THAT WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY IN MULL. AS A SACRIFICE, "CATS WERE ROASTED ON A SPIT WHILE LIFE REMAINED, AND WHEN THE ANIMAL EXPIRED, ANOTHER WAS PUT ON IN ITS PLACE." "A CAT OF ENORMOUS SIZE AT LAST APPEARED." "THE GIGANTIC CAT WHICH APPEARED TO GRANT THEIR WISHES WAS CALLED 'BIG EARS'. IT PERCHED UPON A STONE WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE WRITER IN THE LONDON LITERARY GAZETTE, WAS STILL POINTED OUT IN HIS TIME; THE MARKS OF BIG EAR'S CLAWS WERE 'VISIBLE IN SMALL PITS UPON ITS SURFACE.'", WRITES DONALD ALEXANDER MACKENZIE IN HIS: SCOTTISH FOLK-LORE AND FOLK LIFE, BLACKIE & SON, GLASGOW 1935, P. 246.

MISSING SHIPPING:

● AZORES: AN ITALIAN YACHT, THE BERLUCCHI CHAMPENOIS D'ITALIA, SANK IN A STORM NORTHWEST OF THE AZORES. IT DEPARTED FROM PLYMOUTH ON JUNE 8, HEADING FOR NEW YORK. TWO PEOPLE WERE ON BOARD. AT THE END OF JULY, THE YACHT WAS FOUND, PARTIALLY SUBMERGED, BY A MERCHANT SHIP. A FRENCH WARSHIP SENT A HELICOPTER TO LOOK FOR THE MISSING CREW, BUT COULD ONLY FIND THE WRECKAGE. A BRITISH COAST GUARD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE YACHT HAD MOST LIKELY SUNK BETWEEN THE 17 AND 20 OF JULY, 300 OR 400 MILES EAST OF THE AZORES. NO TRACE OF THE CREW HAS BEEN FOUND SO FAR. (DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPER, 24. JULY 1986, P. 14DE)

● THE JAPANESE VESSEL HELIOS WAS MISSING WITHOUT TRACE AFTER A SEVERE STORM NEAR KYUSHU IN JUNE. (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, 21. JUNE 1986, P. 7A)

UFOS AND WATER:

● AUSTRIA: THERE WAS A WAVE OF UFO REPORTS FROM AUSTRIA IN MID JUNE. ON JUNE 17 THEY WERE REPORTED OVER SALZBURG, AND EARLY ON JUNE 20 A WHITE GLOWING OBJECT HOVERED OVER LAKE ATTER, WHILE ANOTHER ONE WAS SEEN OVER LAKE MOND. YET ANOTHER APPEARED OVER ST GILGEN, WHERE HELMUT KOHL, THE GERMAN CANCELLOR, SPENDS HIS SUMMER VACATIONS. (IT SEEMS MY HINTS ABOUT FAMOUS PERSONS AND UFOS IN LAST BILK WERE CORRECT AFTERALL) (RHEINPFALZ, AND FULDAER ZEITUNG, 21. JUNE; NEUE ZÜRCHER ZEITUNG, 22./23. JUNE 1986, P. 9D)

LATER ASTRONOMERS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OBJECTS AS JUPITER AND MARS. PSYCHOLOGIST A. KEUL OF SALZBURG CLAIMED THE RULING ANXIETY AFTER CHERNOBYL AND WACKERSDORF (A HIGHLY DANGEROUS GERMAN NUCLEAR PLANT) PRODUCED HOPES WHICH WERE FULLFILLED BY ALLEGED UFOS. (RHEIN ZEITUNG, 3. JULY, P. 3E; AND FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZTG, 3. JULY 1986, P. 7A)

OTHER STUFF:

● AN EXPEDITION LEFT TO HUNT THE GREAT AUK ON PAPA WESTRAY, ORKNEYS. (SCOTSMAN, 2. MAY 1986, P. 11B)

● A SHORT BIBLIOGRAPHY ABOUT THE RECENT INVESTIGATION OF THE TITANIC: FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG, 28. JUNE, P. 8D AND 29. JUNE, P. 8F; SCOTSMAN, 17. JULY, P. 3E AND 16. JULY, P. 3E, AND TIME, 11. AUGUST 1986, P. 42 ETC.)

● TWO OLD NAVAL CONNONS WERE DISCOVERED BY DIVERS IN THE CALEDONIAN CANAL AT THE INVERNESS BASIN ON JUNE 20. (SCOTSMAN, 24. JUNE 1986, P. 5BCD)

● IN TAIWAN, THE TRADITIONAL "DRAGON BOAT RACES" WERE HELD IN JUNE. THESE DRAGONBOATS ARE LARGE CANOE-LIKE VESSELS WHICH WITH THEIR DRAGON HEAD RESEMBLE WATERMONSTERS, LIKE THE VIKING LONGBOATS. (FREE CHINA JOURNAL, 16. JUNE 1986)

● CORRECTION: IN BILK 6, P. 1, UNDER THE HEADING LAKE CHAMPLAIN PLEASE READ CHAMP, NOT CHESSIE.

THIS WAS ALL, END OF BILK YEAR TWO, WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN MARCH 1987.

(if you like, you can send in a "Secret letter" for the next year's BILK U.)